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SUBJECT: GARDNER PRESENTATION: LAW OF THE SEA

1. RICHARD GARDNER, MEMBER US ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON LAW OF SEA, DELIVERED LECTURE ON LAW OF SEA JUNE 5 AT NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BEFORE AUDIENCE OF LAWYERS, SCHOLARS AND SENIOR NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INCLUDING ATTORNEY-GENERAL GRAHAM DOUGLAS AND LAW OF SEA NEGOTIATOR SHITTA- BEY.

2. GARDNER STRESSED MAIN ELEMENTS US POSITION AND EMPHASIZED THAT ANY ECONOMIC ZONE CONCEPT MUST MAKE ADEQUATE PROVISION, INTER ALIA, FOR FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION AND OVERFLIGHT, SECURITY OF INVESTMENT AND REVENUE- SHARING IN OFFSHORE MINERAL EXPLOITA-TION, INTERNATIONAL POLLUTION STANDARDS, FREE SCIENTIFIC RES-
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EARCH, RATIONAL FISHERIES MANAGEMENT BASED ON SPECIES AND COMPULSORY SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES.

3. IN QUESTION PERIOD, SHITTA- BEY STRESSED THAT EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE CONCEPT HAD NOT BEEN DECIDED UPON AT OAU MINISTERIAL MEETING AND THAT NIGERIAN POSITION ON ZONE AND TERRITORIAL SEA QUESTOIN WAS NOT YET FIXED.

4. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION AFTER MEETING ATTORNEY- GENERAL GRAHAM- DOUGLAS TOLD GARDNER THAT NIGERIA WOULD BE " RESPONSIBLE" IN LAW OF SEA NEGOTIATION AND WOULD REJECT EXTREME NATIONALISTIC APPROACH OF SOME LDC' S. PROFESSOR M. AYODELE AJOMO OF LAGOS UNIVERISTY LAW FACULTY ALSO INDICATED SYMPATHY WITH GARDNER POINTS AND SAID HE WOULD ASK ATTORNEY- GENERAL TO INVOLVE NIGERIAN SCHOLARS IN PLANNING FOR LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE TO INSURE THAT DECISIONS OF NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD BE MADE ON RATIONAL BASIS RATHER THAN ON BASIS OF QUOTE POLITICAL PREJUDICE UNQUOTE.
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